

Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee – 14-Nov--2022

Zoom Meeting hosted in Peacham, VT

Those present: Chair Allie Webster, Jock Gill, Bruce Westcott, Tom Bryer, Harry Vann.

1. Call to order – 7:04 pm
2. Additions to the agenda – None
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes – Unanimous
4. Public comment period – No public comment offered
5. Campaigns & Events

a. Update on Town Hall Energy Upgrades (see appendix 5c for more background) – SB has approved boiler replacement (propane-fueled, but much more efficient). Additional work planned; some may be deferred beyond the heating season. There was additional discussion of other possible improvements (ADA access) and funding sources.

b. Window Dressers - Volunteers Needed! – Nov. 10-17 in building insulating

Tom reported that we are “in the thick” of Window Dressers preparation. He said they have 277 orders, and – as of tonight – 109 people have picked up their units, and 88 are ready for pickup; 80 are left to complete. 32 inserts (valued at about \$1400) were provided to Peacham residents at no cost to them, out of a total of 71, for a total retail value of \$3672.

10-12 people have been volunteering in each of two shifts, starting last Thursday. People are enjoying the whole process, helping families, and the community building/social connections.

Jock suggested contact with various media outlets, in order to get positive awareness. He also suggested that it should be publicized from the pulpit and at the December “Collaborators” meeting. The Committee set aside \$500 from our budget, and it was unanimously agreed to donate it to the program, with no town-specific reservation.

6. Outreach & Communications – 2022 “Winter Preparedness” community mailing - review/approve content – Approved unanimously.

7. Peacham Community Solar

a. Certificate of Public Good granted by Public Utility Commission!

b. Array construction to begin soon! The array is fully subscribed, w/ waitlist.

8. Review correspondence – The Chair covered a regional meeting that will be held by NVDA to review statewide energy goals – a regional energy meeting on 30-November. She asked how much this Committee would like to be involved in advocacy (legislative). Jock suggested that we should pick an issue (electrification, he suggests) on which we should focus.

9. Adjournment – Motion made (Gill/Bryer) and passed unanimously, 8:01pm - The following meeting will be December 12, on Zoom unless otherwise noted. The Chair suggested we think about what our priorities should be for the next year.